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1. WASHINGTON POST, TUESDAY, DEC. 30, PG A6: "EXPERTS SEEK
SALT REPORT" BY LAURENCE STERN - BEGIN TEXT:

"TWO FORMER HEADS OF THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT
AGENCY CALLED UPON PRESIDENT FORD YESTERDAY TO ISSUE A
'WHITE PAPER' ON VARIOUS CHARGES THAT THE SOVIET UNION
HAS VIOLATED THE 1972 STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT.

"THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY WILLIAM C. FOSTER, FORMER HEAD OF
ACDA AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE ARMS CONTROL
ASSOCIATION, AND GERARD C. SMITH, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR
SALT I AND THE FIRST HEAD OF THE ARMS CONTROL AGENCY.

"WE ARE DISTURBED THAT THE PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS THAT THE
SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN VIOLATING SALT I AGREEMENTS ARE DOING
IRREPARABLE DAMAGE NOT ONLY TO THOSE AGREEMENTS BUT TO THE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE CONTROLS ON WEAPONS OF ALL KINDS,'
THEY WROTE MR. FORD.

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"CHARGES THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS VIOLATED THE 1972 SALT AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN LEVELED IN CONGRESS AND BY FORMER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, AMONG THEM FORMER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MELVIN R. LAIRD.

"HOWEVER, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AS WELL AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DONALD H. RUMSFELD AND EVEN HIS PREDECESSOR, JAMES R. SCHLESINGER JR., HAVE INSISTED THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THE SOVIET UNION HAS VIOLATED ANY WRITTEN PROVISION OF THE SALT I TREATY.

"FOSTER AND SMITH WROTE THE PRESIDENT THAT HIS ISSUANCE OF A WHITE PAPER ON SALT VIOLATIONS WOULD BE 'AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD RE-ESTABLISHING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THIS COUNTRY'S ABILITY TO ENHANCE ITS SECURITY THROUGH VERIFIABLE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS.'

"THE FIRST STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT EXPIRES IN 1977. THE FORD ADMINISTRATION IS SEEKING TO NEGOTIATE A SALT II TREATY THAT WOULD BROADEN THE CONTROLS OVER OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR A 10-YEAR PERIOD.

"SPEAKING IN BEHALF OF THE ARMS CONTROL ASSOCIATION, A FOUNDATION-SUPPORTED PRIVATE ORGANIZATION PROMOTING ARMS CONTROL ACCORDS, FOSTER WROTE THAT 'WE ARE NOW BECOMING INCREASINGLY ALARMED THAT REAL PROGRESS IN ARMS CONTROL HAS BECOME STALLED OR SO SLOW THAT THE PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS OF ARMS LIMITATIONS MAY EVEN BE INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE CONTINUANCE AND EXPANSION OF THE ARMS RACE.'

"THE ASSOCIATION TOOK ISSUE WITH THE EXCLUSION OF STRATEGIC-CRUISE MISSILES, PILOTLESS, SEA-LAUNCHED MISSILE-DELIVERY VEHICLES, FROM THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORDS IN NOVEMBER 1974. THE UNITED STATES REFUSED TO PERMIT THE CRUISE MISSILES TO BE COUNTED WITH OTHER STRATEGIC WEAPONS DELIVERY SYSTEMS.

"FOSTER SAID THE WEAPONS CEILINGS NEGOTIATED AT VLADIVOSTOK WILL BE MEANINGLESS IF THE CRUISE MISSILES,
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'CAPABLE OF BEING LAUNCHED IN UNLIMITED NUMBERS FROM ALL TYPES OF SUBMARINES, ARE TO BE ALLOWED.'" END TEXT.

2. NEW YORK TIMES, TUESDAY, DEC. 30, PG 2: "EX-ARMS CONTROL CHIEF SAYS U.S. DELAYS ACCORD" BY JOHN FINNEY - BEGIN TEXT:

"A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT

AGENCY EXPRESSED CONCERN TODAY THAT THE NEGOTIATING

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POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE UNDERMINING PROGRESS
TOWARD A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION FOR LIMITING
STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARMS.

"WILLIAM C. FOSTER, WHO SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY
FROM 1961 TO 1969, SAID HE WAS CONCERNED BECAUSE THE
UNITED STATES, INSTEAD OF USING THE CEILINGS ON STRATEGIC
DELIVERY VEHICLES PROPOSED IN THE 1974 VLADIVOSTOK AGREE-
MENT AS A STARTING POINT FOR REDUCTIONS, WAS NOW REPORTEDLY
PROPOSING THAT STRATEGIC CRUISE MISSILES 'BE ADDED ON
TOP OF THE ALREADY HIGH LEVELS.' THE CRUISE MISSILES ARE
HIGHLY ACCURATE JET-POWERED DRONES.

"AT VLADIVOSTOK, PRESIDENT FORD AND LEONID I. BREZHNEV,
THE SOVIET LEADER, AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT EACH SIDE
SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 2,400 LONG-RANGE OFFENSIVE MISSILES
AND BOMBERS.

"MR. FOSTER ALSO SAID THAT THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAD
NOT REBUTTED FORCEFULLY ENOUGH CHARGES THAT THE SOVIET
UNION HAD BEEN VIOLATING THE ACCORDS OF 1972 - A TREATY
LIMITING DEFENSIVE MISSILE SYSTEMS AND AN INTERIM AGREEMENT
TO LIMIT LAND-BASED AND SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED OFFENSIVE
MISSILE LAUNCHERS.

"MR. FOSTER SET FORTH HIS VIEWS IN A LETTER TO PRESIDENT
FORD MADE PUBLIC TODAY BY THE ARMS CONTROL ASSOCIATION,
A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION FORMED IN 1971 TO PROMOTE PUBLIC
SUPPORT FOR ARMS CONTROL MEASURES.

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"MR. FOSTER IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND HIS LETTER WAS ENDORSED BY OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, INCLUDING GERARD C. SMITH, WHO
SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRAT-
ION.

"WE ARE NOW BECOMING INCREASINGLY ALARMED THAT REAL
PROGRESS IN ARMS CONTROL HAS BECOME STALLED OR SO SLOW
THAT THE PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS OF ARMS LIMITATIONS MAY
EVEN BE CONTINUA'C'E AND EXPANSION OF THE ARMS RACE,' THE
LETTER SAID.

"MR. FOSTER SAID FAILURE TO INCLUDE CRUISE MISSILES WITHIN
THE CEILINGS WOULD MAKE MEANINGLESS MR. FORD'S CONTENTION
THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT PLACED A CAP ON THE

ARMS RACE AND PROVIDED A BASIS FOR FUTURE ARMS PRODUCTION.

"THE CEILINGS DO NOT HAVE MUCH MEANING IF SEA-LAUNCHED

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STRATEGIC CRUISE MISSILES, CAPABLE OF BEING LAUNCHED IN UNLIMITED NUMBERS FROM ALL TYPES OF SUBMARINES, ARE TO BE ALLOWED,' THE LETTER SAID. 'SIMILARLY, LONG-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES CARRIED BY AIRCRAFT MUST ALSO BE ORDERED TO CLOSE THIS GAPPING LOOPHOLE.'

"MR. FOSTER CALLED ON THEPRESIDENT TO ISSUE A DETAILED WHITE PAPER TO REBUT ACCUSATIONS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN VIOLATING THE 1972 AGREEMENTS.

"SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON, D-WASH., AND SOME MILITARY LEADERS, SUCH AS ADM. ELMO R. ZUMWALT JR., THE FORMER CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, HAVE CHARGED THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS VIOLATING THE 1972 AGREEMENTS BY SUCH ACTIONS AS DEPLOYING A NEW GENERATION OF LARGE INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES, TESTING ANTIACRAFT RADARS IN A WAY DESIGNED TO DEFEND AGAINST BALLISTIC MISSILES AND CONCEALING WEAPONS TESTING AGAINST AMERICAN DETECTION METHODS. PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER HAVE INSISTED THAT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF SOVIET VIOLATION.

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"WE ARE DISTURBED,' THE LETTER SAID, THAT THE CHARGES AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION 'ARE DOING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE NOT ONLY TO THOSE AGREEMENTS BUT TO THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE CONTROLS ON WEAPONS OF ALL KINDS.'

"A DETAILED WHITE PAPER RESPONDING TO THE CHARGES, THE LETTER SAID, 'WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD RE-ESTABLISHING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THIS COUNTRY'S ABILITY TO ENHANCE ITS SECURITY THROUGH VERIFIABLE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS.'

"THE LETTER ALSO CONFIRMED THE ARMS CONTROL ASSOCIATION'S POSITION THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR A THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY LIMITING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS TO EXPLOSIVE YIELDS OF LESS THAN 150 KILOTONS WAS 'A SERIOUS STEP BACKWARDS.' MR. FOSTER URGED THE PRESIDENT TO PRESS FOR A COMPLETE BAN ON ALL NUCLEAR TESTS." END TEXT.

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